

Julissa Reynoso Pantaleon, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Principality of Andorra.

Peter Hendrick Vrooman, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mozambique.

Lisa M. Gomez, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Erik Adrian Hooks, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

William J. Valdez, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security. **Page S5146**

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—285) **Pages S5119, S5127–28, S5136–37**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:16 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 29, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5146.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine the nominations of Alexander Hoehn-Saric, of Maryland, Mary T. Boyle, of Maryland, and Richard Trumka, Jr., of Maryland, each to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and Grant T. Harris, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

IMPACTS OF OVERCROWDING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine the impacts of overcrowding in our national parks on park resources and visitor experiences, fo-

cusing on strategic approaches to visitor use management, after receiving testimony from Michael T. Reynolds, Regional Director for Interior Regions 6, 7, and 8, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Kristen Brengel, National Parks Conservation Association, Washington, D.C.; and Kevin O. Gartland, Chamber of Commerce, Whitefish, Montana.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings to examine the benefits of investing in United States Army Corps of Engineers water infrastructure projects, after receiving testimony from Collin O'Mara, National Wildlife Federation, Washington, D.C.; Mario Cordero, Port of Long Beach, Long Beach, California, on behalf of the American Association of Port Authorities; Amy W. Larson, Larson Strategies, Arlington, Virginia; and Robert McCoy, Amherst Madison, Charleston, West Virginia, on behalf of the Waterways Council, Inc.

BIPARTISAN RETIREMENT LEGISLATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine building on bipartisan retirement legislation, focusing on how Congress can help, after receiving testimony from Tobias Read, Oregon State Treasurer, Salem; Aliya Robinson, The ERISA Industry Committee, and David Cerner, AARP, both of Washington, D.C.; and Brian H. Graff, American Retirement Association, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2297, to improve global health, with an amendment;

S. 812, to direct the Secretary of State to develop a strategy to regain observer status for Taiwan in the World Health Organization;

S. Res. 310, expressing solidarity with Cuban citizens demonstrating peacefully for fundamental freedoms, condemning the Cuban regime's acts of repression, and calling for the immediate release of arbitrarily detained Cuban citizens, with an amendment; and

Routine lists in the Foreign Service.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Kenneth Lee Salazar, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the United Mexican States, who was introduced by Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper, Jessica Lewis, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary (Political-Military Affairs), who was introduced by Senator Menendez,

and Donald Lu, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for South Asian Affairs, all of the Department of State, and Marcela Escobari, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy concluded a hearing to examine U.S. trade and investment in Africa, after receiving testimony from Florie Liser, Corporate Council on Africa, Landry Signe, Brookings Institution, and Aubrey Hruby, Atlantic Council, all of Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Toby J. Heytens, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Patricia Tolliver Giles, and Michael S. Nachmanoff, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, who were all introduced by Senators Warner and Kaine, Sarala Vidya Nagala, and Omar Antonio Williams, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, who were introduced by Senators Blumenthal and Murphy, and Hampton Y. Dellinger, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, who was introduced by Senator Coons, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

AMERICA'S FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine America's food supply chain, after receiving testimony from Jon Schaben, Iowa Cattlemen's Association, Dunlap; Rob Larew, National Farmers Union, and George P. Slover, Consumer Reports, both of Washington, D.C.; Shane Miller, Tyson Foods, Dakota Dunes, South Dakota; Tim Schellpeper, JBS USA, Greeley, Colorado; and David Smith, Associated Wholesale Grocers, Kansas City, Kansas, on behalf of the National Grocers Association.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 372, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into a contract or other agreement with a third party to review appointees in the Veterans Health Administration who had a license terminated for cause by a State licensing board for care or services rendered at a non-Veterans Health Administration facility and to provide individuals treated by

such an appointee with notice if it is determined that an episode of care or services that they received was below the standard of care;

S. 612, to require the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide certain information to medical center staff and homelessness service providers of the Department regarding the coordinated entry processes for housing and services operated under the Continuum of Care Program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development;

S. 887, make certain improvements relating to the supply chain of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

S. 1040, to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care from the Department of Veterans Affairs to include veterans of World War II;

S. 1198, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and expand the Solid Start program of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

S. 1220, to amend title 38, United States Code, to recognize and honor the service of individuals who served in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps during World War II;

S. 1319, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make certain information publicly available on one internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

S. 1863, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve access to health care for veterans;

S. 1875, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a deadline of 180 days for the filing of claims for payment for emergency treatment furnished to veterans;

S. 1965, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to improve long-term care provided to veterans by the Department of Veterans Affairs;

S. 2041, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enforce the licensure requirement for medical providers of the Department of Veterans Affairs;

S. 2102, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide mammography screening for veterans who served in locations associated with toxic exposure; and

S. 2172, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve grants, payments, and technical assistance provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to serve homeless veterans.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill entitled “Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022”; and

The nominations of Stacey A. Dixon, of the District of Columbia, to be Principal Deputy Director

of National Intelligence, and Thomas Andrew Monheim, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 51 public bills, H.R. 4734–4784; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 568–570 were introduced. **Pages H4248–50**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4251–52**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 567, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4346) making appropriations for Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4373) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4505) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 117–110); and

Report of the Joint Economic Committee on the 2021 Economic Report of the President (H. Rept. 117–111). **Page H4248**

Announcement by the Chair: The Chair addressed the House regarding an update to the policies of January 4, 2021, and December 15, 2020, regarding the requirement to wear masks in the Hall of the House during the coronavirus pandemic. Consistent with the updated guidance from the Office of the Attending Physician related to the increased threat from the delta variant of the virus, the Chair wishes to inform all Members and staff that masks will once again be required in the Hall of the House. However, Members will be permitted to remove their masks temporarily while under recognition. **Page H4093**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Roy motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 197 yeas to 225 nays, Roll No. 231. **Page H4104**

Motion to Adjourn: Rejected the Hice (GA) motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 174 yeas to 216 nays, Roll No. 235. **Pages H4107–08**

Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2022: The House passed H.R. 4346, making appropriations for Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, by a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 239. **Pages H4151–72**

Rejected the Womack motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, by a yea-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 238. **Pages H4169–71**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 117–110 shall be considered as adopted. **Pages H4152–58**

Agreed to:

Ryan en bloc amendment No. 2 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–110: Graves (LA) (No. 6) that increases and decreases funds by \$100,000 the appropriations for the Office of the Legislative Counsel of the House to encourage the creation of a collaborative drafting program to help improve workflow between HOLC and Member Offices; Langevin (No. 10) that increases funding by \$3.504 million for the Capitol Grounds account with the intent that these funds be used to prioritize the removal of accessibility barriers on the Capitol Complex; and Raskin (No. 12) that increases and decreases funding by \$100,000 for the purpose of directing the House Sergeant at Arms to conduct a study on the Capitol switchboard and telephone system in the U.S. House of Representatives and provide a report to Congress; and **Pages H4166–67**

Ryan en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 117–110: Bowman (No. 1) that increases funding by \$250,000 for the Library of Congress, which can partner with HBCU's, Hispanic Serving Institutions, other Minority Serving Institutions, and community colleges to form fellowship opportunities and curriculum program associations; offsets the increase by decreasing \$250,000 from Capital Construction and Operations; Bowman (No. 2) that increases funding by \$250,000 for the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services, with the intent of supporting translation services for official communication materials on behalf of constituents with Limited English Proficiency; offsets the increase by decreasing \$250,000